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SUBJ POPLAR RIVER AIR POLLUTION

1. TECHNICIANS FROM MONTANA CAME TO OTTAWA OCTOBER 6 TO DISCUSS WITH CANADIAN COLLEAGUES GENERAL QUESTION OF AIR POLLUTION RESULTING FROM CANADIAN POPLAR RIVER POWER PROJECT. DISCUSSION WAS HIGHLY TECHNICAL AND DEALT WITH PROBLEMS OF SULPHUR RETENTION AND FLUORIDES WHICH MIGHT RESULT FROM CONSTRUCTION OF CANADIAN STATION. US SIDE INDICATED THAT ALTHOUGH FOR PLANT UNDER 600 MEGAWATTS NEITHER FLUORIDES NOR SULPHUR EMISSIONS SHOULD CAUSE A PROBLEM TO US, NONETHELESS, THERE WERE STILL ENOUGH QUESTIONS REGARDING ANY POWER PLANT LARGER THAN 300 MEGAWATTS TO WARRANT FURTHER STUDY.

2. GOC REPORTED ITS INTENTION TO HAVE FURTHER TEST BURNS IN THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS AND INVITED US TECHNICAL OBSERVERS. THESE ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT AT BOUNDARY DAM AND AT CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RESEARCH STATION. IT WAS AGREED THAT TEST CONDITIONS COULD NOT FULLY DUPLICATE ACTUAL OPERATION AND THAT ONLY WHEN 300 MEGAWATT PLANT WOULD BE IN OPERATION COULD FINAL CONCLUSIONS BE DRAWN.

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3. AS RESULT MEETING ENDED WITH AGREEMENT ON FOLLOWING:

(1) CANADA WOULD CONTINUE ITS TEST BURNS WHICH US WOULD  
OBSERVE; (2) GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT 300 MEGAWATT PLANT  
WOULD NOT CAUSE US ANY PROBLEMS; (3) 600 MEGAWATT  
PLANT PROBABLY WOULD NOT CAUSE PROBLEMS EITHER BUT IT  
WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ANALYZE TESTS AND OPERATION OF  
300 MEGAWATT PLANT BEFORE FULL AGREEMENT COULD BE GIVEN;  
(4) CANADA SHOULD SEEK TO BUILD FLEXIBILITY INTO DESIGN  
OF ITS 600 MEGAWATT STATION SO THAT IT COULD BE ADAPTED  
TO INCLUDE INFORMATION GLEANED FROM TESTS IN 300 MEGAWATT  
STATION.  
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